

REMARKS

By the present amendment, the specification is amended to correct the description of Figure 6. Figure 6 is generic and shows a cross-section of the steering wheel rim for all three embodiments disclosed in the application. Support for this is found beginning at page 5, line 5, which, in describing Figure 1, states that "[t]he steering wheel rim has an outermost layer in the form of a solid wood casing 20. The wood casing 20 is composed here of two shell parts (see Fig. 6), of which in the following figures only one is illustrated." This language indicates that Fig. 6 is illustrative of the steering wheel rim in all of Figures 1-5 and, thus, is generic to all embodiments. To this point, Figure 2, which illustrates the elected species, identifies by reference number all of the components identified by reference number in Figure 6 (specifically, reference numbers 20, 22, 24, and 26) as well as dimension d_x and direction V_x . Figure 3, which illustrates the elected species, includes two reference numbers, 20 and 22, that are also identified in Figure 6.

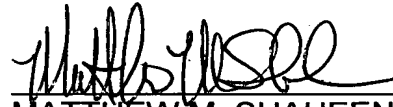
For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that Figure 6 is generic to all embodiments in the present application. Therefore, the election of Group I, Figures 1-3 and 6 is a proper election of species. Claims 1-3 and 6-11 read on the elected species.

An action on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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